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THE WHITE HOUSE SAID JOHNSON AND LODGE MET PRIVATELY IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES AND THEN WENT NEXT DOOR TO THE CABINET ROOM FOR THE NSC MEETING WHICH BEGAN ABOUT 5:50 P.M. EDT.

THIS MEETING, THE WHITE HOUSE, SAID, WAS ATTENDED BY: VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY; SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK; DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA; UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE BALL; TREASURY SECRETARY FOWLER; U.N. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG; DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY VANCEN AND CIA DIRECTOR RABORN.

ALSO ATTENDING WERE: WILLIAM P. BUNDY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS; LEONARD UNGER, BUNDY'S DEPUTY; LEONARD MARKS, DIRECTOR OF THE USIA; FARRIS BRYANT, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING; JOHN T. MCNAUGHTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS; GEN. EARLE G. WHEELER, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF; WILLIAM S. GAUD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AID; GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, LODGE'S PREDECESSOR AS AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON AND JOHNSON'S SPECIAL ADVISER ON SOUTH VIET NAM; SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS ROSTOW, KOMER, MOYERS AND KINTNER.

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